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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2008. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.